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The Honorable Mark Ozias, Chair Clallam County Board of Commissioners 223 East 4th Street, Suite 4 Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Commissioner Ozias:

Olympic National Park has been an enthusiastic supporter and partner of the Olympic Discovery Trail since the project was initiated in the early 1990s.

The National Park Service published the "Lake Crescent Management Plan" in 1998. The plan recommended that the Spruce Railroad Trail be improved as a non-motorized multiuse trail. Olympic National Park (ONP) and Clallam County signed an agreement in June 2005. That agreement provides the objectives and commitments for the portion of the Olympic Discovery Trail that passes through Olympic National Park. The park agreed to connect trails within ONP to the regional trail system, extend and upgrade the Spruce Railroad Trail to multi-use standards, and operate and maintain the trail within the Park boundary following construction.

The park intends to maintain ONP's newly reconstructed Spruce Railroad Trail as a segment of the Olympic Discovery Trail. The trail will be maintained to a level that supports the intended user groups for a minimum period of 50 years.

Sincerely,

M. Sarah Creachbaum

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